

# EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

FATHER EDWARD FLAHERTY

**HON. ED PERLMUTTER**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize and honor Reverend Edward Flaherty, Veteran of the United States Army, for his service to our country.

Father Flaherty served in the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945, serving two years, eleven months, and two days throughout the Pacific theater of World War II, including time in New Caledonia, the Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea. While serving in the Army, Father Flaherty was a Medical Technician with the 131st Engineer Regiment Medical Detachment, in which he played an essential role in treating his fellow soldiers' wounds and injuries while also assisting with evacuations for casualties.

During his time in the Army, Father Flaherty earned the American Defense Service Ribbon, the Good Conduct Medal, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one star but he was never awarded the physical medals. After inquiring on his behalf, our office discovered additional medals he earned but never received.

After his discharge from the U.S. Army, Father Flaherty returned to his hometown of Kansas City and worked for Folger's as a bookkeeper and accountant. He formally entered the Jesuit order in 1959 at 40 years of age and was ordained as a priest in 1965. He then moved to Colorado in 1967 and taught at Regis University. He became a staple in the Colorado Jesuit community for the next several decades, most recently pastoring at the Shrine of St. Anne Parish in Arvada, Colo.

Father Flaherty's courageous service helped to defend our nation's democracy and ideals abroad at a crucial moment in world history. His heroism has charted the path for future generations of men and women who serve in the military. We are proud to have Father Flaherty call Colorado home for so many years, and forever indebted to him for his bravery and sacrifice on behalf of our country.

I extend my deepest appreciation to Father Flaherty for his dedication, integrity and outstanding service to the United States of America.

TRIBUTE TO BRUCE DOYLE  
VARNER

**HON. KEN CALVERT**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

Mr. CALVERT. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor and pay tribute to Bruce Doyle Varner, who passed away on Saturday, May 8, 2021. Bruce was a dedicated leader in the Inland Empire region of California, and he will be deeply missed.

Bruce was born in Los Angeles, California in 1936. His family would later move up the coast to San Luis Obispo, where he would spend the bulk of his youth. After high school, Bruce decided to attend the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he would go on to be a star football and baseball player. Despite being recruited by a few professional football teams, Bruce was focused on a future legal career. Before entering law school, Bruce served briefly in the U.S. Army. At UC Hastings Law School, he became Editor in Chief of the Law Review and graduated Order of the Coif. After passing the California Bar Examination in 1962, Bruce moved to the Inland Empire and launched his legal career at a prominent law firm.

In 1975, Bruce married his wife, Nancy, at the Mission Inn Chapel in Riverside, California. He quickly became one of the region's top corporate and business transactional attorneys. Bruce was especially proud of his work in collaboration with former Stater Bros. Markets' President Jack Brown during the 1986 proxy battle over control of the company. Bruce and Jack were successful, and Stater Bros. would emerge as one of the leading supermarket chains in our region. In another landmark effort, Bruce was instrumental in the conversion of a portion of Norton Air Force Base into the Stater Bros. corporate headquarters, warehouse and distribution center after the base was closed. In addition to his legal practice, Bruce was nominated to serve on the University of California Board of Regents in 2006 by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger.

Bruce was predeceased by his beloved wife, Nancy, and survived by his brother Ron; sons Kevin, Sean, Brett, and daughter, Nicole; grandchildren Zoey, Peyton, Marcus, Devin, Ancel, Finley, Fiona and Bruce; daughters-in-law, Tracy and Kristin; and son-in-law Brian. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the Varner family, his friends, and everyone fortunate enough to know Bruce. Although he may be gone, the many contributions Bruce made to his community and family will have a lasting impact.

HONORING GARLAND LIFE

**HON. H. MORGAN GRIFFITH**

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 15, 2021*

Mr. GRIFFITH. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of Garland Life, who died on June 2, 2021 at the age of 78. Mr. Life was a longtime educator in the Roanoke Valley who made a tremendous positive impact on his students.

Mr. Life was born on June 15, 1942 in McGaheysville, Virginia to Cecil and Mary Burner Life. He grew up on a farm and graduated from Montevideo High School. Subsequently, he earned degrees from Bridgewater College and the University of Virginia.

During his career as an educator, he worked as a teacher, a principal at Andrew

Lewis High School in Salem and Cave Spring High School, and an administrator of Roanoke County Schools. His students benefited from the lessons he taught and the learning environment he created. I recognized this firsthand as one of the students at Andrew Lewis High School when he was principal. When the Salem School Board signaled intentions to remove Andrew Lewis from the high school's name and I wanted to keep it, he let me pursue what would become my first public campaign in the community. He could have stopped this student-led movement, but he didn't. I have always appreciated the indulgence he showed his students on this occasion.

Mr. Life is survived by his wife, Kimberly Hale; son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Amy Life, daughter and son-in-law, Sarah and Paul Tesoriere; grandchildren, Benjamin and Megan Life and Bella and Luca Tesoriere; stepdaughter, Gretchen Roberts; stepson Andrew Roberts; and sister, Janet Wayland. I offer them my condolences on their loss.

TRIBUTE TO COURTNEY HALE,  
CALIFORNIA'S 24TH CONGRES-  
SIONAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR

**HON. SALUD O. CARBAJAL**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CARBAJAL. Madam Speaker, each year, through the Women of the Year Award, my office extends special recognition to women on the Central Coast who have made a difference in our community. I would like to recognize one outstanding Woman of the Year Award recipient, Courtney Haile of San Luis Obispo, California.

Courtney brings a bold and honest voice to community advocacy and her work on equity, justice, and belonging. As a student, Courtney explored media representation, race, and gender, and examined Black identity development in predominantly white communities. She dreams of a more equitable and inclusive world for people of color to live in, and she is measurably helping to create such a world on the Central Coast. In response to the death of Philando Castile and others, she co-founded R.A.C.E. Matters, a grassroots organization amplifying racial justice and centering Black voices through art and culture. As Executive Director, Courtney is a driving force for the organization's creative endeavors, cultural programs, and organization of local racial justice events. Courtney executes and stands by her vision with class, grace, and intelligence.

Courtney participates in a range of community activities and most enjoys collaborating with community partners to create bold, beautiful, and engaging experiences. In her mission to help people honor and better understand the needs and contributions of the Black members of our community, Courtney spearheads the visionary art series, BELONGING, and

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